

A breefe Catechisme so

*necessarie and easie to be learned euen
of the symple sort, that whosoener
can not or vyll not attayne to the
same, is not to be counted a
good Christian, much lesse
to be admitted to the
Supper of the
Lorde.*

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It standeth of three partes.

*1. The first sheweth howe miserable
all men are of them selues.*

*2. The seconde, howe happy they are
that rightly beleue in Christ.*

*3. The thirde, what duties they owe
vnto God, for his grcate merke to
warden them in Christ Iesus.*

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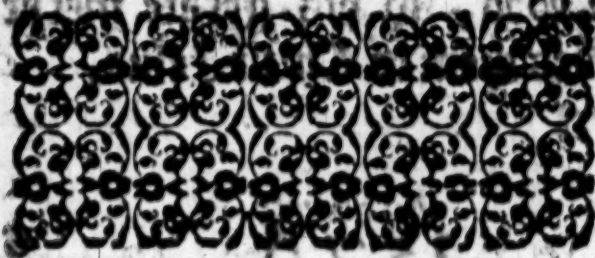
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1. PETER 3. 15. 16.

Sanctifye the Lorde God in your heartes,
and be ready alwayes to geue an aunswere
to euery man that asketh you a reason of
the hope that is in you.

And that with meekenesse and reverence,
hauing a good conscience, that when they
speake euill of you as of euill doers, they
may be ashamed which blame your good
conuersation in Christe.



THE FIRST PART.

Question.



Art thou not a sub-
iect and a servant
vnto the Almygh-
tie God, and Lord of Hea-
uen and Earth?

Answer.

I acknowledge and prete my selfe for ever
to be his subiect and seruante.

Exod. 10. 3.

Ios. 24. 15. 24.

Rom. 12. 36.

Question.

Hath God giuen foorth any
lawes, whereby his subiectes
shoulde be ruled and go-
uerned?

Answer.

The holy scriptures are Gods statutes and
lawes; wherein he declareth his wyll and
pleasure, the generall summe and effect
whereof is breiefely set foorth vnto vs in the
tenne Commandementes.

Hebru. 8. 12.

Luk. 16. 29. 39

Dent. 4. 13.

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Question

Rehearse the tenne Com- maundementes.

Answer.

Exod. 20. 3.

i. **GOD** spake all these wordes and sayd, I am the **Lorde thy GOD**, thou shalt haue none other gods but me.

ii. Thou shalt not make to thy selfe any grauen image, nor the likenesse of any thing that is in heauen aboue, or in the earth beneath, or in the waters vnder the earth, thou shalt not bowe downe to them, nor worship them, for I the **Lorde** am a ielious God, and will visite the sinnes of the fathers vpon the chyldren, vnto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shew mercie vnto thousandes in them that loue me, and keepe my commaundements.

iii. Thou shalt not take the name of the **Lorde thy GOD** in vayne, for the **Lorde** will not holde him guiltles, that taketh his name in vayne.

iiii. Remember that thou keepe holy the **Sabboth** day, sixe dayes shalt thou labour and doe all that thou hast to doe: but the seuenth day is the **Sabboth** of the **Lorde the GOD**, in it thou shalt doe no manner of worke, thou nor thy sonne, thy daughter,
thy

thy man seruant, nor thy maydeservant, thy cattell, nor the straunger that is within thy gates: for in sixe dayes the Lorde made Heauen and Earth, the Sea and all that in them is, wherefore the Lorde blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

v. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy dayes may be long in the lande, which the Lorde thy G D D geueth thee.

vi. Thou shalt doe no murder.

vii. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.

viii. Thou shalt not steale.

ix. Thou shalt not beare false witnesse agaynst thy neyghbour.

x. Thou shalt not couet thy neighbours house, thou shalt not couet thy neyghbours wyfe, nor his seruant, nor his mayde, nor his Oxe, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his.

Question.

Are you able to keepe all these lawes?

Answer.

Euery man daily breaketh them in thought, word, and deede.

Psalme. 19. 12.
Ecclesi. 7. 21.
1. Iohn. 1. 8.

Question.

What is the danger of breaking

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king any of these lawes and
commaundementes of Al-
myghty GOD.

Answer.

Math. 5. 19. 21.

Rom. 6. 23.

Galat. 3. 10.

James. 2. 10.

The iust wages and punishmēt of breaking
the least of Gods holy lawes, yea if it were
but once in all my life, and in thought onely;
is the losse of Gods fauour, the purchasing
of his heauye displeasure: which bringeth
euerlasting death both of soule and body.

THE SECOND PART

Question.

Howe shall you escape this
great daunger, and feareful
punishment of your sinnes.
Wyll not your good deedes
serue to make some amends
to GOD for your il deedes,
and so deliver you from this
punishment.

Answer.

Answer.

My good deedes will not helpe to saue me from this punishment, nor any thing els, but onely the deedes of Iesus Christ hath deliuered me.

Ephe. 2. 9.
Actes. 4. 12.
Gala. 2. 21.

Question.

How hath Iesus Christ saued and deliuered you from this great punishment of your sinnes.

Answer.

Iesus Christ hath deliuered me from the punishment of my sinne, because he being both G D D and Man, hath suffered all the punishment which my sinnes deserued, and hath fulfilled the lawe of God perfectly for me, and thereby hath restored me for ever to the loue and fauour of God.

1. Tim. 3. 1.
Gala. 3. 13.
Esa. 53. 5.
Col. 1. 19. 20.
1. Pet. 2. 24.
Rom 4. 25.

Question.

Are all then saued by this suffering & death of Christ.

Answer.

Only they are saued by Christ, who beleue that he hath doone all things touching saluation, not onely for other, but also euen for

Iohn. 3. 16. 2
Gal. 2. 20.
Ioh. 1. 20. 22.

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them

them selues, the effect of which faith is com-
preyend in the Creede.

Question.

Rehearse the Creede.

Answer.

John. 14. 1.

I beleue in God the Father Almighty ma-
ker of Heauen and Earth. And in Iesus
Christ his onely sonne our Lorde. Whiche
was conceived by the holy Ghost, borne of
the Virgin Marie. Suffered vnder Ponce
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buryed, he
descended into Hell. The third day he rose
again from the dead. He ascended into Hea-
uen, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From thence shall he
come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I be-
leeue in the holy Ghost. The holy CATHO-
licke Church. The Communion of Saintes.
The forgeuenesse of sinnes. The resurrecti-
on of the body. And the life euerlasting A-
men.

Question.

*By what meanes haue we
such a true fayth.*

Math. 26. 17.

Ephesi 6. 23.

2. Cor. 4. 13.

Mark. 9. 24.

Answer.

It is the gyft of GOD.

Question.

Question.

*How dooth God worke this
fayth in vs.*

Answer.

By the preaching of the woord of God.

Rom. 1. 12. 17.

Rom. 10. 4. 17.

Iames. 1. 21.

Question.

*Is this fayth fully framed,
and made strong in vs at the
fyrst, or in one houre.*

Answer.

*Fayth is increased by little and little, and
made strong in vs by the diligent hearing of
the woode of God, and by the vse of his Sa-
cramentes.*

1. Cor. 11. 17.

Galat. 4. 19.

Ephes. 4. 11.

12. 13.

1. Thessa. 5. 19.

20.

Question.

*How many Sacraments are
there.*

Answer.

*There are two Sacraments, Baptisme,
and the Supper of the Lord.*

Rom. 4. 11.

1. Cor. 10. 2. 3.

Math. 21. 25.

Math. 28. 19.

Math. 26. 26.

Acts. 2. 26.

Question.

*What benifite haue you by
Baptisme, and to what end
serueth it.*

Answer.

Aunſwere.

Act. 2. 16.

1. Pet. 3. 21.

Coloss. 2. 12.

Rom. 6. 4.

By Baptisme the holy Ghost assureth me, that as my bodye is ſprinkled with water, ſo my ſoule, by the bloodſhedding of Chriſt, is ſprinkled and waſhed from all the guiltes and puniſhment of my ſinnes, and alſo hereby I profeſſe my ſelfe to dye with Chriſte, as concerning ſinne, and live in him as concerning righteouſneſſe.

Queſtion.

To what ende ſerueth the Supper of the Lorde.

Aunſwere.

Luke. 22. 19.

20.

1. Pet. 10. 16.

1. Cor. 11. 23.

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In the Supper of the Lorde, I am by the ſpirite of GOD aſſured, that as the breade broken, and the wine poured out be deliuered vnto me, even ſo was the body of Chriſt broken, and his bloude ſhed, as a full recompence to God for my ſinnes.

THE THIRD PART.

Queſtion.

For aſmuch then as God of his infinite loue, hath geuen his owne ſonne, to raunſome

vs

vs from the power of sinne,
death, and hell, to aduaunce
vs to the honour of his Chil-
dren, and heires of his king-
dome: seing it pleaseth him
to geue vs fayth, and daylye
to nourish and encrease it in
vs more and more: by his
woorde and Sacramentes, by
the which fayth we lay hold
vpon Christe, and make him
with al his merits and trea-
sures our owne: so that nowe
not only al our sinnes are re-
mooued from vs, but also his
righteousnes, holinesse, and
perfection, is accounted ours
before

*before GOD: Do you not
thinke that we are very depe
ly bound vnto him.*

Answer.

Pſalm. 8. 5.

Pſalm. 116. 12

Rom. 12. 1.

*Yes verily. I am ſo much bounde to God,
that al my life ought to be a continual thank-
fulnes to his Maieſtie, for his great mercie.*

Question.

*Is then this doctrine whiche
ſheweth vs that we are ſaued
by Jeſus Chriſt only, & not
by our owne woorkes, any oc-
caſion of wicked lyfe, as the
Papists ſlaunder it.*

Answer.

Rom. 12. 1.

1. Iohn. 2. 1.

Rom. 6. 1.

Titus. 2. 11. 12.

*This doctrine is no occaſion of wicked lyfe,
but the greateſt reaſon to perſwade men to
be diligent and zealous in good woorkes.*

Question.

*Are there no other good
deedes required of Chriſti-
ans,*

ans, but giuing of almes, vi-
siting the sycke, buylding of
schooles, and houses for the
poore.

Answer.

a. As these are good deedes, and such as
highly please God, being doone in such ma-
ner as the worde of God dooth teache vs:

a. Math. 6. 2.
1. Cor. 13. 3.

b. So are there many other much more ex-
cellent then these: as the pure worshipping
of God both with the soule and body: c. tru-
sting and dependidg of his good prouidence
both in prosperitie and aduersitie: d. hearing

b. Exo. 20. 3. 4.
Math. 22. 36.

of his holy worde: e. exhortations and ad-
monitions one to an other, especially to such
as we haue speciall charge ouer: f. prayling

c. Iob. 13. 15.

d. Luk. 10. 42.

e. Thes. 5. 11.
14. 3. 4.
Hebre. 3. 13.
Colos. 3. 16.

God for all his mercies, and continuall be-
nifices poured vpon vs: and last of all,
g. faythfull prayers for all such thinges as
we stand in needs of.

Jacob. 5. 20.
f. 1. Thes. 5. 16.
Psalm. 50. 14.
15.

g. Iudges. 20.
Ephe. 6. 18.

Psalm. 50. 15.
Actes. 4. 24.

Question.

To whom ought we to make
our prayers.

Answer.

We must pray to our louing and Almighty
GOD alone, and to none but him.

Question.

Question.

What thinges ought we to pray for.

Answer.

Actes. 4. 29.

Ephes. 6. 18. 19.

We must praye, not onely for all thinges needefull for our selues and the churche of G D D, but especially for those thinges whiche appertayne to the setting forth of the glory of God, euen as we are taught in the Lordes prayer.

Question.

Rehearse the Lordes prayer.

Answer.

Math. 6. 9.

Our father which art in Heauen, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heauen. Geue vs this day our daly bread. And forgive vs our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And leade vs not into temptation But deliuer vs from euill Amen.

Question.

How may we be assured that God wyl heare vs, seeing we are

are sinners.

Answer.

Because we offer by our prayers, not in our
own name, nor in the name of any creature
but of the sonne of God our Saviour, who
is alwayes in the presence of God, to en-
treate his maiestie for vs, his poore Ser-
uauntes.

John. 16. 26.

1. John. 2. 1.

1. Pet. 2. 5.

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